

MINUTES OF THE SAMREC WORKING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2014 AT 09:15
IN THE DELVILLE WOOD ROOM, MILITARY MUSEUM

Present:

	K Lomberg (Chairman)
A M de Bruyn	M Lynn
J Delpont	T Marshall
C Dohm	D Minnitt
E du Toit	J Nel
T Flitton	K Redman
P-J Grabe	S Rupprecht

Apologies: **S Mathuray**

In Attendance: **A Donnelly (Scribe)**

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014 were still being edited by the Chairman and would be circulated and tabled for acceptance at the next meeting.

Action: Ken Lomberg

3. MATTERS ARISING

This was held over to the next meeting.

4. CRIRSCO FEEDBACK

The Chairman gave feedback on the recent CRIRSCO meeting held in Mongolia and China. Mongolia had established the Mongolian Professional Institute for Geosciences and Mining (MPIGM) as its National Reporting Organisation and has become the 8th member of CRIRSCO. There was also provision for Registered Professionals who met certain qualifications and experience guidelines. The Mongolian Resources and Reserves Committee (MRC) was a committee of MPIGM and it had developed the MRC Code for the reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, which is compatible with the CRIRSCO Template.

There had been discussion about JORC 2012 Chinese translation and the Chairman would request Ms Moolla to circulate the relevant document. Training would be required to implement the Code.

Action: Ken Lomberg and Sam Moolla

Discussion with JORC representatives as to whether to include the Consent Form, Table of Contents and Declaration into our Code suggested that the Consent Form be excluded. Consent would still be required, but a pro forma appendix was unnecessary. There had been some changes to the new version of the JORC coal guidelines, where the distances for classification have been removed and a requirement to report on the coalfield inserted. The Chairman had sent this out for comment from SANS.

Chile – the main focus was on Competent Persons. They were looking for a report from Competent Persons from different disciplines, i.e. one from mining, resources, etc.

Canadians – Have not included CRIRSCO core definitions but hope to do so in future editions.

Russia – still in implementation phase and are still on training.

USA – Would like SEC Guide 7 to be replaced with SME Guide. They will appoint an Academic Fellow to be coordinator between SME and SEC.

Europe – still looking at industrial minerals, etc. Involved in EU initiatives, e.g. RAWSRAT and there had been an invitation to Sweden/Norway to join.

Table 1 was presented and it had been very well received and understood. The Chairman thanked all who had contributed. It was possible that this would become part of the CRIRSCO Table. The following aspects would be included in the Table:

- Table 1 format, content
- Table 2
- Fig 1 – geoscientific
- Industrial minerals
- Metal equivalents
- Sustainability
- Health & safety
- Gemstones & diamonds
- Exploration targets guides
- In ground value ban
- Historical estimates
- Permitting & legal requirements
- Non-public reporting
- Mining closure
- If not/why not
- Mineral systems
- Marine mining
- Guideline – materiality/significance
- Glossary of terms – each NRO to provide clarification of naming of “report”

5. SAMREC CODE AND TABLE 1 UPDATE

The Chairman advised that two issues had arisen:

5.1 Public Reporting

The Chairman gave definition of a “public report” as being what was put out in the public domain. The “document” would be what we know as a Competent Person’s Report (CPR). The Chairman questioned whether this should be left as is, or whether the word “document” should be changed to “CPR”. This would not change the definitions. The matter was put to the floor with the following comments and observations:

- The Code was about public reporting, and therefore the full information should be in the public domain. However this would also require the consent from the Competent Person as the source.

- Is a CPR a blanket term for documentation?. "Reference in the Code to "documentation" currently pertains to internal company documentation – prepared as a basis for, or in support of, a public report"
- Should we ensure that sufficient documentation is available, the right type of documentation to support any reporting of resources, reserves, etc.? and would this be immediately available or is it on request?
- The question of a central file management system of SEDAR was suggested. The suggestion although good is considered difficult to administer.
- Should it be a requirement that a public report is supported by a CPR on the company website for people to download? How do we control that?
- Internal company documentation and CPR which should be the basis of any public statement and that should be available on request.
- It was noted that the company may not want some information in a CPR to be on the public domain based on confidentiality.
- Add a sentence to say the CPR on which the public information is based can be made available on request. If you have a public report this should refer to CPR on request with deadline.
- It was suggested that The Stock Exchange would make this part of their requirements; it is not a Code issue.

It was agreed that there would have to be enough guidelines in the Code so that it assisted people and there was less ambiguity. The Chairman requested members to send him an email with comments and recommendations. He would then put forward a draft combination for consideration.

Action: All Members and Ken Lomberg

5.2 Metal Equivalents

The Chairman advised that this related to JORC 2012 and when reporting on copper/zinc, for example, zinc was reported as copper, and he asked whether this should be in the Code.

After some discussion, it was agreed that there are cases where this would be required, so it should be included.

The Chairman agreed that what was in JORC would be included, in the same way as for gemstones.

A question was raised as to SAMREC and whether the "South African" should be changed to "Southern Africa" to include SADC countries. It was agreed to keep it as is.

6. TRAINING AND COACHING

The Chairman advised that several courses were being investigated and that suggestions would be welcome. The Chairman was in discussion with GSSA on doing a number of Competent Person courses in 2015 as part of training.

Dr Marshall reported on her presentation at the Diamond conference. Many of the younger people in the industry had a good working knowledge of SAMREC and its implications. However, others believed that SAMREC was not applicable to them. There was a serious lack of understanding and application with some of the older and more senior people in industry and academia, as they believed it was too restrictive. For example, in diamond reporting it was important to put in the bottom cut off of the sizes and this had not been done on any of the diamond grade tables, as it was not deemed to be important.

Some other examples were given of where SAMREC was not known, such as The Council for Geoscience and the Department of Mineral Resources.

There was also a suggestion to label CPR training differently, to indicate that it would focus on technical requirements and compliance.

7. DISCIPLINE ISSUES

The Chairman outlined the need to monitor the process and keep members updated on complaints. It was agreed that this should not be about naming and blaming, but about trying to improve the system. There was a suggestion to make case studies of some complaints, via the SAIMM Journal and/or to include them in case studies in CP training. The publication of complaints would be seen as a deterrent, not just a regulation.

The procedure was that anything under SAMREC was reported to SSC, who put together a disciplinary committee and report to relevant bodies such as SACNASP, ECSA, etc. Currently this was not happening – the procedures were in place but they were not being used.

A query was raised regarding a document (created by a consultant) and labelled as “confidential”, which contravened everything in Table 1 and in SAMREC and how one could take this further. The following comments were made:

- Protect your integrity by taking it up with the author
- Talk to the company employing the consultant
- Raise the complaint with the SSC without divulging any confidential information
- Take it to the company who employed you

5. GENERAL

The question of job reservation for professional engineers registered with ECSA had been raised at the recent SAIMM Council meeting and it had been agreed that this was not an SSC issue. The instruction was that there would be further discussions with GSSA with regard to the SSC mandate. This discussion would include SAIMM, GSSA and other members.

6. CLOSING

The Chairman once again thanked participants for their attendance.

The meeting ended at 11:15.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next SAMREC meeting will be held at 09:30 on Thursday, 27 November 2014.

SUMMARY OF KEY ACTION ITEMS

Ken Lomborg:

Editing of minutes of meeting held on 25 September and table for confirmation at next meeting

Ken Lomborg and Sam Moolla:

Circulation of relevant JORC 2012 document

Committee Members:

Provide feedback/comment on the definitions under Public Reporting